

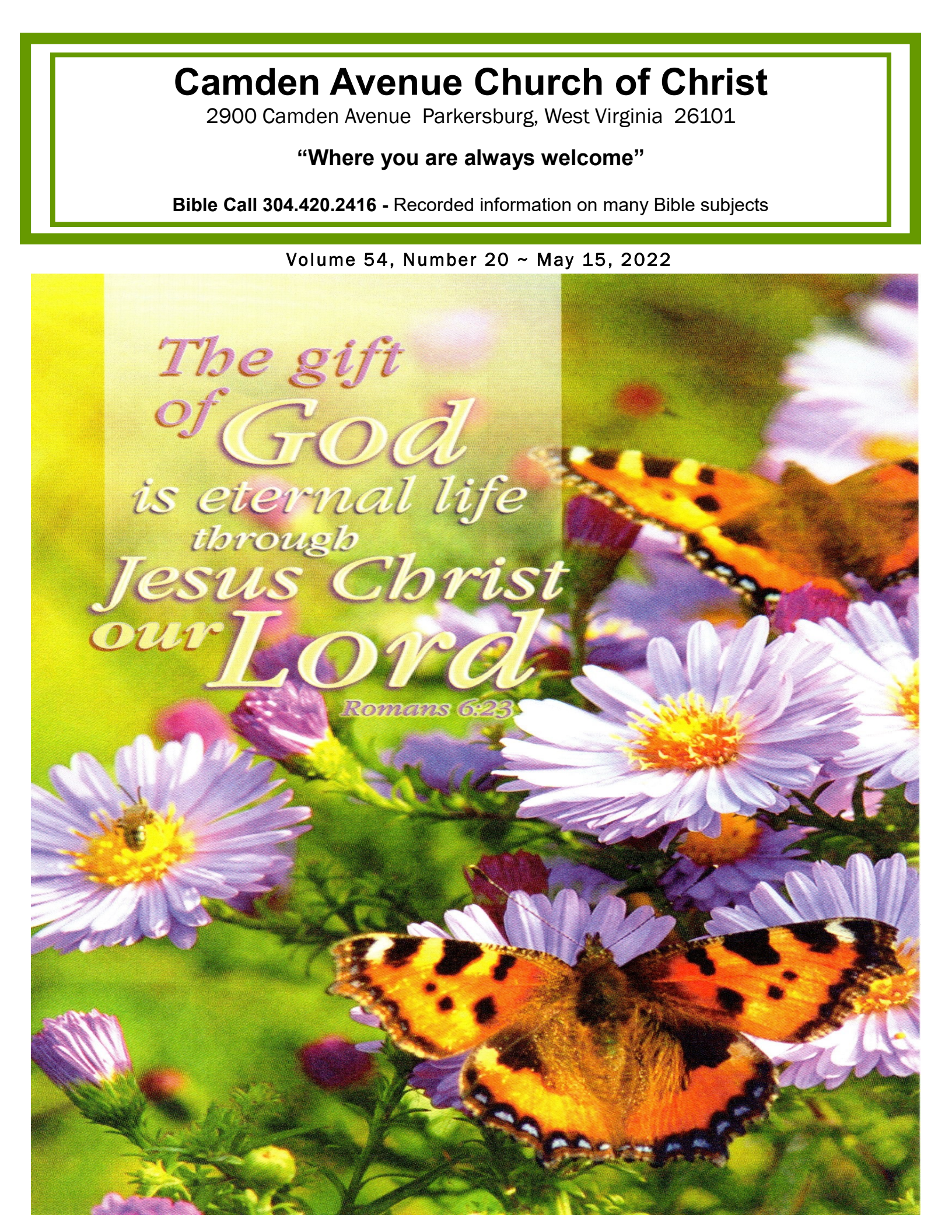
Camden Avenue Church of Christ

2900 Camden Avenue Parkersburg, West Virginia 26101

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*The gift
of **God**
is eternal life
through
Jesus Christ
our **Lord***
Romans 6:23

In Our Prayers

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Our church family in need of prayers

Bob Armstrong, Belinda Buckley, Linda Camp, Harvey Caplinger Sr., Richard Cozad, Carl Curtiss, Patty Dawson, Paula Franklin, Sandy Graham, Carolyn Henry, Rosie Knox, Kim Ledsome, Bill Lemley, Gwen Lucas, Linda Moncrief, Debby Nesselroad, Lois Nulter, Ray Peters, Bill Porter, Ed & Lois Porter, Van Putnam, Ray & Bonnie Sams, Theresa Steed, Dorothy Stevens, Sue VanCamp, Dearll Vincent, Joyce Wright

Prayers requested for family and friends

Morgan Amos (friend of Wades), Becky Ash (Tammy Kern's sister), Mark Berry, Jeff Bigler (Becky Inman's father), Leo Blair (Robin Anthony's brother), Delores Boyce (friend of Jo Langler), Kelly Boyce, Kevin Britton (Cody Hoovers Cousin), Lynn Casemon (Glen Snider's Uncle), Roy Clark, Betty Dunn (Great Grandmother of Ryan Highman), Jeff Fitcher, Scott Gordon, Charles (Bill) Haid, Judy Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Mike Hill (friend of Mike & Pam Bayer), Jean Huber (Clayton's mother), Brenda Jones (friend of Rosemary Merrill), Chennie Jonas (Cousin of Sandy Hughes), Greg Kirkbride (friend of Paul Saunders), Barb Loy (Raeanne Wells' mom), Gavin Pfalzgraf (Great-Grandson of Kay Martin), Randy Modesitt (Brittany Gray's uncle), Glen & Karen Morrell (Linda Moncrief's sister), Dave Nicholson (friend of the Hofmanns), Dave Rice (Ralph Fox's friend), John Rockhold III, Korbin Schaner (Great-Grandson of the Eplers), Michele Scherer, Greg Smith (Keith & Eloise's son), Ronnie Smith (Keith Smith's brother), Shawn Stephens, Frank & Hazel Terry (Eloise Smith's family), Jay & Lana Vancamp, Seth Waggoner, Susan Williams, Joe Wilson

Updates to the prayer list this week:

- Ralph Fox continues to have back pain and will be having another MRI.
- Megan Bailey Daugherty, the daughter of Jim and Linda Bailey, is at home still experiencing rather severe symptoms. She will be reassessed in a few weeks, and continues to need prayers.
- Jenny Reynolds is in The Willows.
- David Epler is recovering from surgery for his broken shoulder.
- Belinda Buckley is in Camden Clark.
- Jim Stoops
- Judy Kerns, Bob Millers sister, is in the hospital in Morgantown. She has begun to show some signs of improvement.
- Cotton Sayre has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He will meet with an oncologist and then begin chemotherapy.
- Jane McGrew, Cindy Huxley's niece, has cancer.
- Merilee Morgan recovering from surgery on her hip after a fall.



Announcements

VISITORS- We are happy you can be with us today! Please complete a visitor card and place it in the basket on the communion table.

BOOK OF THE MONTH- The May book of the month is Jonah. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board after you have completed the reading.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL- Saturday, June 18. Theme: Fearless Deeds of the Defenders.

BIBLE BOWL- Mark your calendars for the Camden Avenue Bible Bowl October 8, 2022, over Ezra and Nehemiah.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL- Care Group 2 invites everyone to the fellowship meal today after morning Bible Class.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION NIGHT- Come celebrate our high school graduates, June 5 after evening services in the multipurpose room. Everyone is invited. Bring snacks and desserts. Pizza and cupcakes will be provided.

MEN'S MEETING- The men's meeting will be today at 4:00pm in the multipurpose room.

TRAVELING YOUTH GROUP- May 29 at Ullman Street church of Christ in Beverly Ohio.

BIBLES- there are Bibles on the counter in the front foyer. Everyone please sign these for our graduating high school seniors.

Baptism

We are happy to announce that Elizabeth Scarbrough was baptized on Monday. Elizabeth will be in Care Group 4. Be sure to welcome her to the Camden Avenue family.

Teachers Needed

The following teachers are needed beginning in June. If you can help see Doug Wells.

Cradle Roll - substitute for Sunday A.M.

2 year old - Sunday A.M. & Wednesday P.M.

3-4 year old - Sunday A.M.

3rd grade - Sunday A.M. (helper)

Male teachers are needed for:

4-5th grade-Wednesday P.M.

6th-8th grade - Sunday A.M.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Church...Who's gonna fill their shoes?

A few years back, the late George Jones, one of country music's legends and a member of the country music hall of fame, made the charts with a song titled, "Who's gonna fill their shoes?" He was thinking about a vanishing breed of country music performers. He wanted to know "Who's gonna play the Opry and the Wabash Cannonball?"

The question George Jones asked about country music is a question that we should be asking as well when it comes to the preaching and teaching of the gospel of Christ and the work of the church. Who's gonna fill the preacher's shoes when he passes on from this life? Who's going to help keep the saved, saved? Who's going to put the hours into studying and "rightly handling the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15)? Who's going to "preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching" (2 Tim. 4:2)? Who is going to go forth and preach to those in lands beyond us (2 Cor. 10:16)?

Paul asks a similar question in Rom. 10:14-15, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

The church needs preachers. The Christian Colleges and Preaching Schools can only train those who are sent to them. Who are we as a congregation sending to be trained to preach? How are we helping those who are being trained to preach? Congregations need to realize the urgency of training men to preach. Paul teaches the great responsibility in training ministers in 2 Tim. 2:2, by saying, "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also."

The task of training starts in the home with parents, in Timothy's case his grandmother and mother (2 Tim. 1:5) started teaching him when he was a young child (2 Tim. 3:15). The time to start training our young men to preach is now. Preaching the gospel needs to be valued and honored in the home and in the congregation. Not that we exalt our preachers or think of them as being great or superior to others, but as Paul states in 2 Cor. 4:7, "But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."

Preaching the Gospel! Have you thought about how crucial it is? It is alarming when there is a congregation or a Bible class without a teacher or preacher. When there is a void in the pulpit or classroom, there will be a void in the spiritual teaching and growth of the church. The need is so great that Jesus asks us to pray for more laborers. Notice how He puts it in Luke 10:2 "..., "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Who's gonna fill the shoes of those who are preaching and teaching today? May we be praying earnestly for laborers and doing all we can to train faithful men to teach the gospel to others!

P.S. The question, "Who's gonna fill their shoes?" can be asked of our elders, Bible class teachers, missionaries, deacons, and every other worker in the church as well! "Who's gonna fill their shoes?"



Today's Sermon Notes

A.M. Sermon: Mark T. Tonkery

Jonah an example of going into all the world

Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-4

I. Go _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

II. Go/ _____

A. What if we do not go into all the world?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. _____

C. _____

III. Going _____

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

Will you take the next step and _____?

P.M. Sermon: Doug Wells

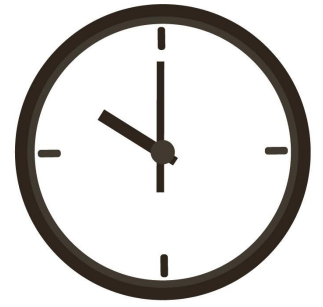
Belong to God, Not Sin

Romans 7:6-8

Doug's Discussion

Sometimes One is Better Than a Thousand

Not all time has the same value. That is to say, an hour spent in one place doesn't necessarily have the same value as an hour spent in a different place. I think we can probably all understand this to be true when we think where we would rather spend our time. How many hours of the workplace would you trade for one hour on the beach? Would you take ten minutes with your grandchildren over ten hours of television? And how much time would you give back to have one more conversation with a departed loved one? You see? Time is funny like that, we don't measure equal amounts equally.



With this in mind I think it's worth considering the most valuable uses of a limited commodity. "The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow for they quickly pass, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:10). As a general rule this is still true even in this age of modern medicine – a quick seventy or eighty years is typical. We certainly don't want to waste them! Yet waste them is what so many seem to be doing. Ten thousand hours spent pursuing a worldly dream or worldly glory can have even less value than a few minutes of something else. Ten thousand hours of a power struggle to determine "who's the prettiest" or "who's the greatest" or "who gets to call the shots" can, in the end, have even less value than a few minutes of something else.

I pray we all gain a heart of wisdom. Wise indeed was the one who praised God by saying: "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere" (Psalm 84:10). Normally if I asked you "Would you rather have one day or a thousand?" I suppose the answer would be pretty obvious. You would take the thousand, right? But time is funny like that. In this case the day is better because the day was spent with God, and the thousand were spent apart from Him. I think at the end of our lives this will come into even greater focus. There will be many regrets about missed opportunities and foolishly spent days. But no one but the greatest of fools will regret the time they spent in the courts of God. The value of that time has been multiplied a thousandfold and more.

Friends, if your days have little value come to God and spend them with Him. Better is one day with the Lord than a thousand elsewhere.

Thank You



A special thank you to all who spent hours of their time and talents to make our Camden Avenue Ladies Hawaiian Luncheon a day enjoyed by all. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with 75 Camden Ladies and their guests. We appreciate the many positive, encouraging and loving comments. Looking forward to another Ladies Day in the future.

Minute of Meditation by Mark T. Tonkery Heard on FM 96.9

The owner of a modest but very comfortable home decided to improve his status by purchasing a much bigger and more expensive one. A realtor was summoned and after visiting the home wrote a very elaborate advertisement for it in the local newspaper.

When the owner of the property read the ad in the paper, he hurriedly called the realtor and said, "I don't think I will sell my home after all. I have been looking for that kind of place all my life, but until I read the description in the paper, I didn't realize that I already had it." Every time we are tempted to look with envy at those who have more...we need to realize that we are the envy of so many who have less. The person who is content is the wealthiest person of all.

The Apostle Paul states in Php. 4:11, "Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content." Have we learned in whatever situation we are in to be content?

April Bible Call Report

We had OVER 25 hours of teaching over the Bible Call line in April with 174 calls. Some of the most called topics this month were:

- (9) 304 Are We Saved By Faith Only?
- (7) 110 Overcoming Worry 225 Worry 303 Grace
- (6) 115 Overcoming Depression 301 What Must I Do To Be Saved
- (5) 111 Loneliness and What To Do About It 305 Faith and Works 311 What If I Have Been Baptized Unscripturally?

11 times people listened to the same lesson again. We have members giving out the leaflet everywhere they go. Thank the Elders for their commitment to this work. We have mailed 4 ROUTES in Parkersburg recently. Pray about this work and think about areas you might want to fund a mailing to or a congregation you want me to talk with. Call anytime with your questions or suggestions. Let us do all we can to take the gospel to the whole world. Thanks to those who notified me about a line problem as soon as it was realized. Let us help each other to keep this work effective. David Epler cell 616 554 0990 house 304 834 1935. Could you give a special contribution for Bible Call to mail a mission area in West Virginia? Thanks for the prayers and cards for a speedy recovery from my shoulder surgery. I look to be out soon. --David Epler

Serving In Worship May 22, 2022

ELDER IN CHARGE - Jim Galloway

DEACON IN CHARGE - Jon Hescht

SONG LEADERS

AM - Clayton Huber

PM - Brian Haught

PRAYER

9:30 AM - Jeff Taberner

Close - Chris Tallman

6:00 PM - David Epler

Close - Marion Goldsmith

SCRIPTURE

AM - Doug Hershman

PM - Gary Alton

COMMUNION

AM - Jimmy Galloway

PM - Keith Smith



Camden Avenue Church of Christ

Service Times

Sunday

AM Worship.....9:30

Bible Class...15 minutes after worship

PM Worship.....6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Facts and Figures

May 8, 2022

Sunday AM Service.....	211
Sunday Bible Class.....	161
Sunday PM Service.....	144
Wednesday PM Service.....	169
Contribution.....	\$6976.00

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

Baptisms.....4

Restored or Requested Prayers.....1

Placed Membership.....2

Upcoming Local Events

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON THE BULLETIN BOARD

SUNRISE YOUTH RALLY- May 20-21 with Keith Parker.

6TH & WASHINGTON LADIES TEA- May 21st at 2:00p.m. with Tammy Hatfield.

6TH & WASHINGTON FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY- May 22nd with Tim Hatfield.

MID-OHIO VALLEY AREA WIDE SING- Hosted by Hopewell church of Christ. May 22 from 3:00-4:00pm.

OHIO VALLEY CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (OVCYC)- Senior Week June 12-17, Junior Week June 19-24

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP (WVCYC)- Senior Week July 3-8, Intermediate Week July 10-15, Junior Week July 17-22, All Age Week July 24-29 and Singing Week July 31-Aug. 5.

WEST VIRGINIA CHRISTIAN YOUTH CAMP GOLF BENEFIT- Saturday August 13 at Mingo Bottom Golf Club.



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Sunday mornings

at 7:30 on WTAP

May 22

"Nothing Can Stop Jesus"



IN
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Daily Bible Reading

May 16: John 3:1-21 & 2 Sam. 23-24

May 17: John 3:22-36 & 1 Kings 1

May 18: John 4:1-26 & 1 Kings 2-3

May 19: John 4:27-54 & 1 Kings 4-5

May 20: John 5:1-18 & 1 Kings 6-7

May 21: John 5:19-47 & 1 Kings 8

May 22: John 6:1-24 & 1 Kings 9

"We are dedicated to seeking the lost while edifying each other in order that we may all enter the eternal home promised for the faithful."